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A1 1. An audible confirmation system in an Intelligent Network for allowing a calling party
2 to audibly hear an audible name of a call recipient, the audible confirmation system
3 comprising:

- 4 a. a database configured for storing a plurality of text names wherein each of the
5 plurality of text names is associated with a unique identifier;
6 b. a control point coupled to the database and configured to retrieve one of the
7 plurality of text names in response to a call recipient selected by the calling
8 party; and
9 c. a text to speech converter coupled to the control point and configured to
0 convert the selected one of the plurality of text names into the audible name.

1 2. The audible confirmation system according to claim 1 wherein the unique identifier is
3 a telephone number.

1 3. The audible confirmation system according to claim 1 wherein the database is a calling
2 name database.

1 A. A method of allowing a calling party to audibly identify a call recipient, the method
2 comprising the following steps:

- 3 a. initiating a call from the calling party directed to an identifier belonging to the
4 call recipient;
5 b. matching the identifier to a text name corresponding to the recipient within a
6 database;
7 c. retrieving the text name of the recipient from the database;

8 d. converting the text name of the call recipient to an audible name; and
9 e. audibly playing the audible name of the call recipient to the calling party prior
10 to connecting the call.

1 5. The method according to claim 4 wherein the identifier is a telephone number
2 belonging to the call recipient.

1 6. The method according to claim 4 wherein the database is a name calling database.

1 7. The method according to claim 4 further comprising automatically re-dialing the call
2 recipient if the call cannot be connected.

1 8. The method according to claim 7 further comprising leaving the call recipient a pre-
2 recorded message from the calling party.

1 9. A method of allowing a calling party to audibly identify a call recipient, wherein the
2 method comprising the following steps:

- 3 a. pre-recording a voice message by the calling party directed toward an identifier
4 belonging to the call recipient;
- 5 b. matching the identifier to a text name corresponding to the call recipient
6 wherein the identifier and the text name are stored within a database;
- 7 c. converting the text name of the call recipient to an audible name; and
8 d. audibly playing the audible name of the recipient to the calling party.

1 10. The method according to claim 9 further comprising audibly delivering the voice
2 message to the call recipient subsequent to audibly playing the audible name to the calling
3 party.

- 1 11. The method according to claim 9 wherein the database is a name calling database.
- 1 12. The method according to claim 9 wherein the database contains a plurality of
2 identifiers and a corresponding plurality of text names.
- 1 13. The method according to claim 9 wherein the identifier is a telephone number
2 belonging to the call recipient.
- 1 14. The method according to claim 9 further comprising locating the database which
2 contains the identifier and the text name belonging to the recipient among a plurality of
3 databases.